

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions continued to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on approximately three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 50 percent complete, ahead of last year at 49 percent and the five-year average at 47 percent. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens and parsley last week. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, red leaf, and romaine), parsley, and spinach last week. Recent rains have been spotty around the State, but some areas need more moisture. Nine weather stations recorded no precipitation last week. Thirty out of the fifty reporting weather stations recorded year to date precipitation greater than 100 percent of normal. Canyon De Chelly has the highest year to date precipitation at 184 percent of normal and Desert Ridge and Sahuarita have the lowest year to date precipitation at 63 percent of normal. The highest temperature was 94 degrees at Roll. The lowest temperature was 17 degrees at Flagstaff.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	65	60	73	55
Harvested.....	50	40	49	47

NA - not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	6.6	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	--	NA
Short	11	11	37	NA
Adequate.....	78	73	63	NA
Surplus.....	10	15	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	--	8	NA
Short	8	9	33	NA
Adequate.....	83	82	59	NA
Surplus.....	8	9	--	NA

NA - not available

(--) - zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor.....	5	5	6	3
Poor	3	3	6	9
Fair	16	17	23	27
Good	43	40	40	40
Excellent.....	33	35	25	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	NA
Poor	7	7	2	NA
Fair	25	18	16	NA
Good	35	39	44	NA
Excellent.....	28	31	38	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	13	28
Poor	8	9	15	17
Fair	35	35	32	27
Good	43	41	37	24
Excellent.....	6	7	3	4

NA – not available

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_11082015.pdf